

## UNFOLDING THE DEFENSE

WHAT DROVE GEORGE N. WALKER ?  
FIRE HIS PISTOL.

**The Testimony in Chief Closed—A Contingent from Hyattsville Brought—An Effort to Make Miller a Dange**

Upon the reconvening of the criminal court yesterday, and resumption of the trial of George N. Walker, charged with the killing of John C. Miller, James L. Skelmore was called and testified to the above as seen by him.

The defense, to show the reputation of the accused for peace and good order, called Judge R. B. B. Chew, P. J. Duffy, Thomas W. Smith, B. F. Guy, O. T. Thompson, and Nicholas C. Darnell.

He knew very little about him except from common reports. He recollected on one conversation, in which Miller said "I had whaled Walker, and run the d— toward into his gate." The matter grew out of some trouble between the children.

Pinckney A. Scagg testified that he was sheriff of Prince George county, Md., and in 1885 arrested Miller for assault on Walker, took him before a magistrate, and he was bound over to keep the peace.

On cross-examination the witness said that he knew of no other trouble between the parties. Miller said that he could swear that he was not a party to the assault on Walker because he was a d— forward at

F. A. Techiffely testified that Miller has the reputation of being a good shooter and traveled on his blood, and kept game chickens.

John T. Fawcett spoke of meeting Miller with a pistol in the fall of 1935, three years to the day after the killing of Walker was carrying a pistol for him.

Wm. Giles Butler, of Bladensburg, testified that three or four weeks before the shooting he met Miller on F street, and threatened to shoot Walker on sight.

toward him (Walker) the witness would have blown the top of his head off with a double barrel shotgun.

George W. Jackson related the circumstances of the assault of Miller on Walker at Hyattsville in the spring of 1883, in which Miller struck the defendant over the head with his stick six or seven times. Subsequently he threatened if Walker interfered with him again to fix him so that he never would bother any body else.

over and found two men lying in the snow. Miller had been taken to the drug store across the street. The witness took hold of Walker and held him until he turned him over to Lieut. Kelly. Walker said, "this man has wronged my family, I have in my pocket the documents to prove it. I don't like the shooting in self-defense."

Geo. H. Evans, of Hyattsville, heard

Walker if he had had a pistol at the time of their encounter. Walker never told the witness that he was afraid of Miller, but did say that Miller worried him almost to death.

On cross examination the witness said he did not know of any trouble Miller was at Hyattsville except the case of Walker.

Col. Lafayette Bingham testified that

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tors in  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1854, when some of the young lawyers  
present "were in the dairy business

him two weeks before he was shot on street. Miller made a remark about Walker, and he said: "If you were dealing with some men, you would never eat another meal of victuals." Miller then showed his pistol, and said he had to

Francis H. Smith testified that he lived in Hyattsville; that Miller bore the reputation of being a quarrelsome man, and Walker bore the reputation of a quiet man. He heard that Miller, after the affray, carried

Ernst Baxter testified that he was on the north side of E street; was attracted by the shot, and saw two men, the smaller one with a pistol and the larger one with a rifle, both came striking at the other, who was backing and shooting. Miller had the cane in both hands approaching Walker.

Dennis Coughlin testified that he was in front of No. 302; heard the report of the

George Forayth testified that when the photographs were taken he requested that the dummies be placed in the position they were on the day of the shooting, and that they were placed there.

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**PALAIS ROYAL EMPLOYEES**

**Forget Store and Enjoy the Pleasures  
of the Dance.**

The annual ball of the employees of the  
Palais Royal was held last night at  
National Rifle Range. Mr. Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. Lasser were present as the guests of the evening, and seemed delighted at the happy way in which the employees enjoyed themselves. The hall was handsomely fitted up for the occasion and an excellent orchestra, seated upon the stage, played the music of twenty or more dances. At midnight a supper was partaken of. The whole affair was

**NOTES FROM THE CAPITOL.**

The North Carolina legislature instructed its members in Congress to vote for the Blair educational bill.

Representative Singleton, of Mississippi, from the committee on library, reported a bill for the purchase of the portrait of Gen. Thomas, painted by Gen. Frice.

Attorney General Hunt, of Illinois, continued the argument in behalf of the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois, on the bill to main-

Representative Warner, of Ohio, addressed the House committee on coinage, weights, and measures in advocacy of a plan to stop all kinds of coinage, and issue instead certificates to represent the bullion deposited in the treasury.

Representative Peters, of Kansas, offered resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information as to the truth of the statement that certain citizens of Kansas, while temporarily in the Indian territory, were tried un-

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